

Amendments to the Specification:

Insert the following heading and paragraph immediately after the title of the invention on page 1 of the specification:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of and claims priority from U.S. Application Serial No. 09/631,285, filed August 3, 2000, which claims priority to provisional Application Serial No. 60/147,325, filed August 5, 1999, both of which are herein incorporated by reference.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The blur equation is for each color component. Assuming a RGB color component of a pixel at location (i, j) is C(i,j), the resulting RGB color component of the pixel after the blur operation is given by:

$$(1/16)C(i-1, j-1) + (1/8)C(i-1, j) + (1/16)C(i-1, j+1) +$$

$$(1/8)C(i, j-1) + (1/4)C(i, j) + (1/8)C(i, j+1) +$$

$$(1/16)C(i+1, j-1) + (1/8)C(i+1, j) + (1/16)C(i+1, j+1) --$$